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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DREIER).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 11, 2003.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DAVID DREIER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, a new day of promise has dawned. Bless the important work of Congress which they need to finish before spring recess. May its laws and resolutions make this Nation stronger and its future brighter, especially for the next generation. May the seeds planted today be our contentment and the promise of new life flourish beyond our imagining.

We pray also for the future of Iraq. Put an end to the killing and civil strife. May Your divine Providence guide the cooperation of many diverse peoples to create a new day of freedom built upon truth and justice for all the Iraqi people.

Lord, fulfill in our own day the future vision of the prophet Jeremiah. The man of tears once stood in the rubble of the city he loved and cried aloud for future generations to hear: "The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with my people. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts. No longer will they need to teach their friends and kinsmen how to know the Lord. I will forgive their evil doing and remember their sin no more."

May the renewal of this covenant as celebrated in Passover and Easter bring a new understanding and purpose as America prays for the Iraqi people and peace. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. STENHOLM) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. STENHOLM led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1505. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2127 Beatties Ford Road in Charlotte, North Carolina, as the "Jim Richardson Post Office."

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 538. an Act to amend the Public Health service Act to establish a program to assist family caregivers in accessing affordable and high-quality respite care, and for other purposes.

S. 783. An act to expedite the granting of posthumous citizenship to members of the United States Armed Forces.

S. 870. An act to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to extend the availability of funds to carry out the fruit and vegetable pilot program.

The message also announced that the Senate agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the House to the bill (S. 151) "An Act to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to the sexual exploitation of children".

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 85-874, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, appoints the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, vice the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID).

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 5 one-minutes on each side.

COMMEMORATION AND REMEMBRANCE OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

(Mr. RADANOVICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to announce the introduction of H. Res. 193, legislation that enjoys the support of over 64 bipartisan original cosponsors and commemorates the 15th anniversary of the United States implementation of the Genocide Convention.

The month of April marks the commemoration of one of the saddest chapters in world history, the Armenian genocide. We join with Armenian Americans across the Nation to mourn the loss of so many innocent lives. This important human rights legislation

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